



FMC Weekly - June 27, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, June 30

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Emily and Sam Martin. Jordan Penner will preach from Galatians 3:23-28, considering the following questions: Why am I always talking about Mennonites to strangers? What does it mean to be a church and faith community? Why is church relevant to our lives today? Linda Wyse will lead worship, Katie Hegedus has children's time, and Emily Martin will lead singing.

After worship in the Community Center

- ◆ Join us for refreshments and support our youth
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan

No youth or adult education education.

Our FMC Community

Pastor Candidate Dates & Info: The Pastoral Search Committee and Leadership Board recommend that FMC call Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava to serve as pastor. You can find the full announcement on the members page of the FMC website. Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

Sun, July 7: Adult education session led by the Leadership Board that reviews job descriptions, the pastoral structure, and the budget implications for this second pastoral hire.

Sun, July 14: Adult education session led by the Pastoral Search Committee that focuses on the experiences of the people on the Search Committee and what they see in Claudia as a candidate for the pastoral position at FMC.

Fri, July 19 & Sat, July 20: Opportunities to meet Claudia around Denver. Specifics will be announced.

Sun, July 21: Claudia will preach during the worship service and share during adult education. If you are not able to attend, we will make the sermon and presentation available for you to watch online.

Sun, July 28: Congregational vote on Claudia's candidacy. We will allow electronic votes for those not able to be present.

The MYF is in Guatemala! Ten youth plus Glenn Balzer and Emma Schrock are in Guatemala with MCC on a learning tour June 21 to 30. In the picture above, they are in Guatemala City during a tour on their first day. Check out their [schedule here](#) and follow their journey on the [FMC Facebook page](#).

Marcus Bishop Memorial Service: The memorial service for Marcus Bishop will be held at FMC on Wed, July 10 at 10:30am.

Volunteers needed for the luncheon reception following the service. The family has specifically requested "good Mennonite homemade cookies or bars" for the light lunch. Please contact Lola Hershberger via text or voicemail at 303-523-5364 if you can assist with set up, food prep, or clean up, or can bring 3-4 dozen homemade cookies or bars.

MennoCon19: The biannual Mennonite Church USA convention will be held in Kansas City July 2-6. Delegates representing FMC are Glenn Balzer, Jill Schmidt, and Ardell Swartzendruber.

This summer FMC is operating without a caretaker/facility manager. As we look for a new facility manager to join our community, many people from FMC are stepping up to help take care of essential duties. For example, the facility team is taking care of yard work and mowing, DOOR staff are helping with nightly security checks, FMC staff are helping with indoor facility readiness, and the ushers are helping with Sunday morning duties.

How can you help? You can make sure the outside doors fully close behind you when you leave the building. You can help thank the ushers staying late on Sundays by not lingering in the building so they can lock up. You can make sure to take care of your items on Sunday morning (take used mugs to the kitchen sink, take your bulletin to a table in the foyer, etc.). If you see litter as you walk to/from your car, you can put it in the dumpster.

Thank you for your patience as we work together through this transition! And thank you to everyone giving extra help this summer!

FMC Staff Schedules

Pastor Glenn Balzer

June 21-30: in Guatemala with the MYF

July 2-6: attend MCUSA convention in Kansas City

Marie Voth

July 4-5: out of the office/office closed

The next FMC Weekly will come out on Wed, July 3. Please have your announcement requests to Marie by midnight on Tues, July 2.

Attendance June 23: Adults- 74; Children- 8; Total- 82

Sunday School- Summer Faith Formation

No child/youth Sunday School until September.

Caring for Each Other

Herman Reitmeyer passed away on June 26. The family is planning a graveside service in eastern Colorado for early next week. Please keep Carol and Herman's extended family in your prayers.

From Meredith Egli: I'd like to ask for your prayers. My daughter, Tonya, is moving to Kalona IA on July 9. My son, Todd, and wife Amber and grandchildren to are moving to Lancaster PA on July 18. This all happened somewhat quickly. It will be a huge adjustment for all, especially this grandma. Thank you for your prayers as I recover from my hernia surgery. ~Meredith Egli

Care Line: 720-345-7722 (call or text)

The Care Line will connect you with a member of the Congregational Care Team. Reach out to request prayer, a visit, or other support. All care is kept confidential. Questions? Contact Marylou Shelly or Glenn Balzer.

Follow the Burkholder Family blog at: wonderwandertw.wordpress.com

Happy Birthday June 27- July 3

28- Debbie Reed

29- Stephanie Friesen

29- Coen North

1- Timothy Hosman

1- Simon Eby Mast

2- Dawn Voth

3- Cynthia Holdeman

3- Nina Rupp

Happy Anniversary June 27- July 3

27- Tom & Trinda Bishop

1- Steve & Tonya Popp

3- Aimee & Michael Voth Siebert

Upcoming Sundays

July 7

Worship: The MYF will report on their experiences and learnings from their MCC Learning Tour to Guatemala focused on the root causes of migration. We will celebrate Communion.

Adult Education: The Leadership Board will review job descriptions, the pastoral structure, and the budget implications for the second pastoral hire.

July 14

Worship: Pastor Glenn Balzer will preach. A man walks up to Jesus and asks him what he must do to inherit eternal life. He wanted to know the rules. Instead of providing a list of regulations, Jesus tells a story about a traveler, some religious people, and a Samaritan. Join us as we explore Luke 10:25-37.

Adult Education: The Pastoral Search Committee will share their experiences of the search process and what they see in Claudia as a candidate for the pastoral position at FMC.

July 21

Worship: Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava will preach from Acts 2:43-47. After Pentecost, the followers of Jesus make bold decisions about how to live out his teachings. Are we willing to follow Jesus with such boldness?

Adult Education: An opportunity to get to know Claudia more.

July 28

Worship: Zachary Martinez from Sojourn Fort Collins/Greely will preach.

Adult Education: Congregational vote on Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava's candidacy for pastor.

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)

Sat, 9:00am- Everence meeting (Office)

Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)

Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & B8)

Wed, 9:00am- Quilters (Quilt room)

DOOR Group (June 27-30): First Presbyterian Church, Onida SD

--Contact [Marie](#) to list your team meeting in this section.

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

MSMC Assembly registration is open! Did you know there will be optional activities on Friday? Did you know there will be children's activities during the day Saturday? Check out all the details and register on our website: mountainstatesmc.org/assembly-2019/. There will be limited host-home lodging and camping available, so reply soon! Otherwise, hotel options in the area will be posted on our website. Bring the whole family to this wonderful weekend event - meet new MSMC participants and reconnect with others!

Confirmer and Legal Observer Training: The Colorado Rapid Response Network is a network of concerned and committed groups and volunteers who respond to ICE activity in our communities. Sat, June 29 at 10am we will train Confirmer and Legal Observers in the Denver area. Join our training to become a confirmer and an officially certified National Lawyers Guild Legal Observer and learn how to defend our community. Legal observers are independent witnesses of ICE behavior and support the legal rights of vulnerable populations. Visit the [Facebook page for more information](#) about the event. [Register at this link](#).

Colorado Village Collaborative: We will start constructing more tiny homes soon and will require a lot of assistance from volunteers! If you are interested and available during these days, come join us and help us fight homelessness together! Construction of more panels will start on 7/3, and we will need volunteers Wednesdays to Saturdays every week. Food and water will also be greatly appreciated on any day we work on site. If you are interested in helping on any of these days, please contact us as soon as possible. ([Colorado Village Collaborative](#) or 720.432.8285)

Save the Date: Sept 27 - 29, Alamosa CO

- **Walking the Watershed Way: Going Deeper Into Creation Care** Invitation: Join together with allies in NM and CO to delve more deeply into creation care and environmental justice through the framework of "Walking the Watershed Way." Come as a group from your own church, community (or watershed)... Be bold, and invite allies in your area who can help enrich your experience and ours! This is not just about community building, but about coalition. This encounter is sponsored by MSMC with an open invitation to allies of all faiths and spiritual expressions.
- **What is the Watershed Way?** It's a place-based, earth-honoring, people-affirming, despair-erasing, spirit-following Way that seeks to transform our own hearts and habits even as it seeks to transform the destructive, overconsumptive systems which so often surround us. Our motto might be: "Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you."

The June Zinglet! is available [online](#). You may also pick up a paper copy on the welcome table.

For more information about our conference and latest issue of ZING!, go to mountainstatesmc.org

Market Square

If you want to sell, buy, trade, get a ride, find a roommate, find an employee, find a job, find sponsors, or advertise an event requiring purchase of tickets, this section is for you. (Note: Official functions of Mountain States Mennonite Conference or its congregations excepted.) E-mail your announcement to the church with "Market Square" in the subject line. It will run one time but may be resubmitted. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

FMC Denver seeks a part time Facility Manager. Position includes building and property maintenance, security, and janitorial duties. Requires living in on-site apartment and ability to work flexible hours. Visit www.fmcdenver.org/employment for more information and to apply.

Housing needed: Fernando and Rebeca have enjoyed a wonderful hostess hospitality situation for their first year. As they anticipate being able to host people themselves, we are seeking a living situation with a bit more independence, like an apartment, a separate area with a kitchenette, or something similar when they return in August. Ideally they would be fairly close in to Denver (not in the suburbs or foothills); one possible area would be Edgewater. **Might you have or know of a living situation that might suit?** Please contact Barry at barryb@mountainstatesmc.org or 303-503-7886. Thanks.

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Pray this week for people of all ages attending MennoCon19, the July 2-6 MC USA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, that those attending may fellowship together, learn from one another, encounter God's love and be transformed.

Curious to know more about **special events planned for MennoCon19**? Find an overview of fun from the Family Bouncin' Dance Party to "Menno-It-All" from John Bromels, the Special Events coordinator: mennoniteusa.org/mennocon19-recharge

Mennonite Central Committee is now collecting Immigration detainee care kits. When people who have been placed in immigration detention centers are released, they often have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Kits containing clothing and hygiene products can help to rebuild their dignity as

they are taken to bus stations and airports to reconnect with their families in the U.S. Please visit mcc.org/immigrationkit for all the details of what goes into the kit and how the kits will be distributed. It is one small way we can share Christ's love with our neighbors. All kit supplies should be sent to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact MCC at 316.283.2720.

For more information about our denomination, go to mennoniteusa.org

Other Information

Sermons are posted on fmcdenver.org when available.

FMC Emergency Closure: When weather or any other emergency event necessitates last minute cancellation of worship or other events at FMC, the following procedure will be followed: 1) The cancellation will be posted on the FMC website. 2) A recorded message will be left on the FMC main line at 303-892-1038. 3) The cancellation is posted on Channel 9. 4) The cancellation will be posted on Facebook. You can view closing information online anytime at www.9news.com/closings or on the 9News app.

Website: fmcdenver.org

Phone: 303-892-1038

Deadline for announcements is Wednesday midnight. Please send announcements to Marie Voth at marie.fmcdenver@gmail.com. Announcements run one time. Please rewrite and submit a fresh announcement if you want your announcement to run a second time.

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